

ARSENAL EXPLOSION KILLS 3; INJURES 21

Accident in Frankford Plant
Attributed to Carelessness
of Workman.

THREE INQUIRIES BEGUN

Blast in One Small Detonating
Building Followed by
\$80,000 Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8.—Two workmen were killed and more than a score of persons were injured in an explosion at the Frankford Arsenal in this city at 2:30 A. M. to-day. According to workers the explosion was accidental, there being nothing to indicate that it was caused by an outside agency. Two of the injured are young women.

The dead are Howard Linton, 33 years old, and Edward F. Batesel, 30 years old. The badly burned body of a third man was taken from the ruins to-night. Major Montgomery, commandant of the arsenal, and his aids are investigating the explosion and decline to make any statement until they have completed their inquiry. Carelessness of a workman, it is believed, was the cause of the accident.

The explosion occurred in one of three small buildings known as detonating rooms where the primer caps for 1 and 6 inch shells and small arms cartridges are dried. The building in question had its walls packed with cinders and every precaution was taken to prevent accidents. The three buildings were destroyed, together with about 10,000 detonators. The loss is estimated at \$80,000.

Fire followed the explosion and spread to several other small buildings known as the artillery assembly unit. In these there were 3 and 6 inch shells, but prompt work of arsenal employees and city firemen saved the buildings and their contents from destruction.

Nineteen of the injured were treated at a nearby hospital. One is expected to die. Later all except five of the injured were able to go to their homes. None of those hurt was able to give a coherent account of what happened. New York troops are guarding the arsenal and no one is permitted to enter the Government reservation.

INQUIRY BOARD NAMED.

Secretary Baker Orders Defective Ammunition Probe.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Secretary Baker already has named a board of two civilians and one army officer to investigate the defective ammunition turned out by the Frankford arsenal. He explained to the House committee that chemical deterioration caused the trouble and that the formula had been changed to prevent further explosions. "My understanding is," Gen. Crozier explained in regard to the Frankford explosion, "that about a week's output of detonators were in the dry house. I do not know how many primers were in the other house. The contents of both dry houses were confined to primers and detonators, they being the only two classes of material which are made wet and thereafter have to go to dry houses. The primers are used for ordinary shells and the detonators are used in connection with high explosives. Detonators are supposed to be safe."

"I haven't the slightest idea what caused the explosion, but I have heard nothing to indicate a suspicion of incendiary. The scattered explosions, as I understand it, were solely the result of the first explosion. It is entirely possible that the detonations from the explosion in the two dry houses caused the other explosion."

Dr. Adler Gets Commutation.
AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8.—According to a Vienna press despatch, Emperor Charles has commuted to eighteen years penal servitude the death sentence of Dr. Friedrich Adler for the assassination of Premier Sturgk at Vienna last October.

FORDNEY ATTACKS WILSON'S ISOLATION

Michigan Representative Asks
Cooperation in Conduct
of the War.

QUOTES ADDRESS IN 1913

Takes Issue With President's
View of Committee Named
in Lincoln's Time.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Representative Fordney, Michigan, ranking Republican on the Ways and Means Committee, and one of the leaders of the House, called to-day upon President Wilson to make good the sentiments of his first address to Congress in which he asserted that he desired to be "a person cooperating in a common service, not a mere department of the Government hailing Congress from some isolated island of jealous power."

In a prepared speech on the proposal of a committee on war expenditures, Mr. Fordney first assayed to annihilate President Wilson's contention that the committee on the conduct of the civil war had been "an ominous precedent" and then to show that Congress since the President's first address had met the latter's plea for cooperation by giving him virtually every piece of legislation asked.

"If any body of men in the world ever met a man half way and more than half way," said Mr. Fordney, "Congress took Woodrow Wilson at his word and did what he asked them to do."

Mr. Fordney gave a resume of the work and accomplishments of the civil war committee on the conduct of the war based, he said, on indisputable facts. He submitted that the committee far from being as the President contended in his letter to Chairman Lever of the House Agricultural Committee "the cause of constant distressing harassment" which "rendered Mr. Lincoln's task all but impossible" had been of the greatest assistance to President Lincoln and his Secretary of War "by keeping them informed of important facts in connection with matters of army personnel, administration and the conduct of campaigns and by solidifying behind President Lincoln the confidence of the entire North in such radical changes as it was necessary to make from time to time."

After quoting from the President's address to Congress on April 3, 1913, Mr. Fordney said:

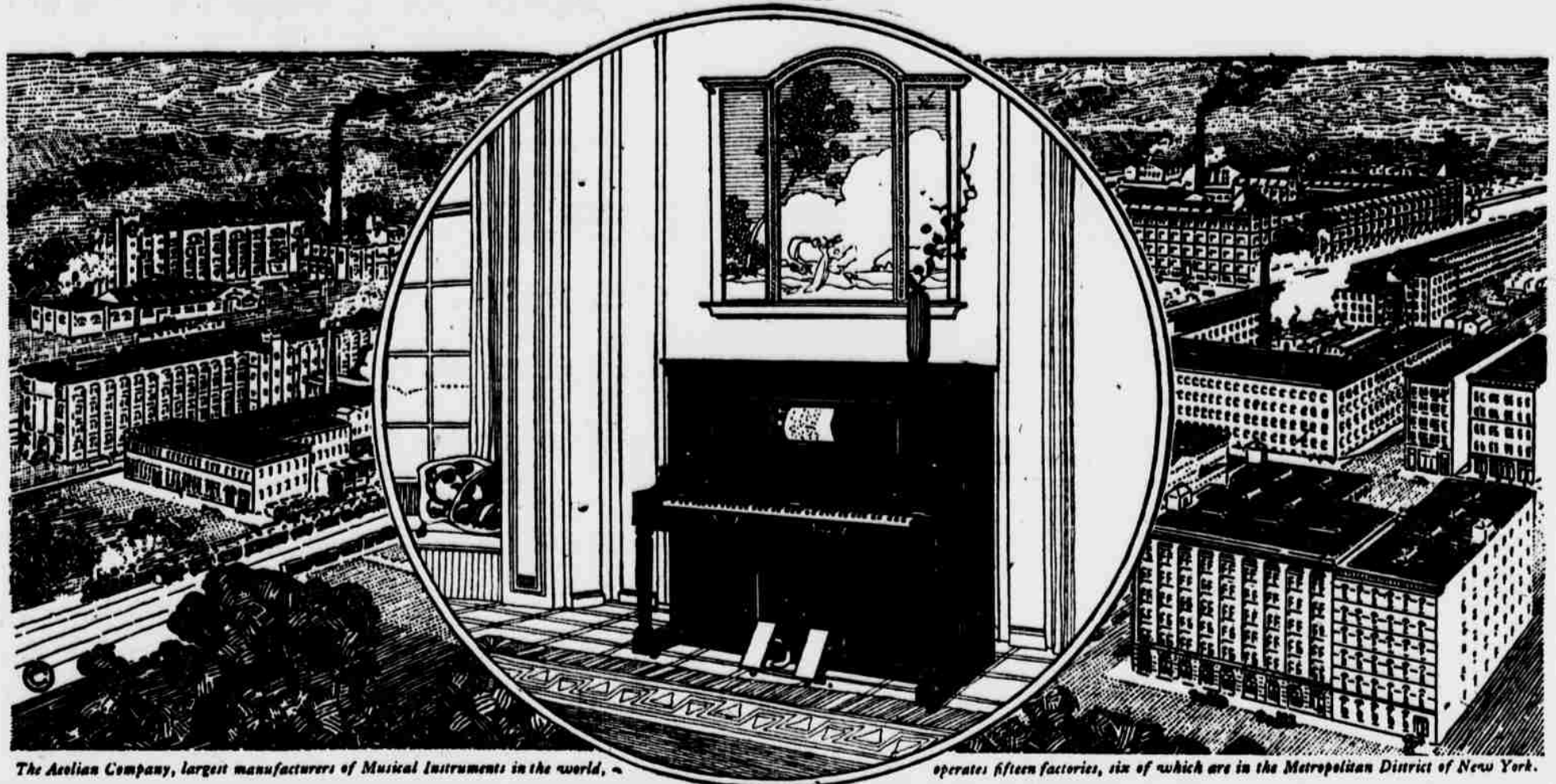
"At that time the world was at peace, and the most serious task confronting the President was to recommend to Congress a change of tariff policy in order to carry out some protection pledges. That was the great purpose for which he wished to be, as he put it, 'a human being cooperating with other human beings in a common service.' Congress passed practically every law he asked it to pass."

"Since that time a storm of war, more dreadful than anything ever before dreamed of, has been sweeping over the world. A Presidential campaign has come and gone. Mr. Wilson was re-elected on the claim that 'he kept us out of war.' Now he and his Cabinet, chosen for the pursuits and purposes of peace, find themselves confronted with the task of managing for the people of the United States the most colossal enterprise on which this country ever embarked. And the people of the United States, of whom we in this Capitol are the representatives, are asked to make expenditures of money and contributions of our manhood life more stupendous than any man dare predict. Already we have appropriated at the President's request billions of money more freely than we would have voted millions five years ago, and already we have enrolled a host of 10,000,000 potential soldiers."

"When first he came before us President Wilson said he wished to show us that he was a 'human being trying to cooperate with other human beings in a common service.'"

"In this cooperation he has his duties to perform, and just as surely we have ours. Now, following not an 'ominous precedent' of a half century ago, but the illustrious example of their wise and able cooperation, is it not our duty to perform a like service? Are there not to be found in the Senate and House of Representatives men who, like the men of those earlier days, will rise to the emergency that confronts us?"

"And if the President of the United States desires to be 'a person cooperating in a common service, not a mere department of the Government, hailing Congress from some isolated island of jealous power,' can he possibly do anything better than to meet us half way and whole heartedly in the friendly offer which we have made?"



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